GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1050
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DAMAGE BY PUFFER FISH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the appearance of puffer fish in flocks in Arabian Sea after Tsunami;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has sought assistance for the damages caused by the puffer fish to fishing nets of traditional fishermen; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): No study has been conducted regarding the appearance of puffer fish in flocks in Arabian Sea after Tsunami.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Government of Kerala, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin and Fishery Survey of India, Cochin has been requested to furnish detailed report/comments indicating the location infested by the puffer fish, kinds of nets affected, damages caused and species and biology of the predator.